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Decision No. _____

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the matter of the suspension and
 investigation on the Commission's
 own motion of tariffs covering exchange
 area expansion in the Gualala exchange
 of The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph
 Company and the Cazadero exchange of
 The Redwood Empire Telephone System.

Case No. 7944

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Following the issuance of Decision No. 68776, on March 23, 1965, certain inadvertent errors in Appendices A and C of said decision have come to the attention of the Commission, as follows:

Appendix A - The areas authorized to be included in the Timber Cove exchange should include, in addition, the whole of Sections 35 and 36 of Township 10 North, Range 14 West.

Appendix C - The date specified under Schedule No. A-31, Line Extension Charges, RATES 3.b. should be changed from February 28, 1965 to June 30, 1965.

The Commission has considered this matter and finds and concludes that Appendices A and C of Decision No. 68776 should be corrected as set forth hereinabove; therefore,

IT IS ORDERED as follows:

1. Appendix A of Decision No. 68776 is revised to authorize the additional inclusion within the Timber Cove exchange of the whole of Sections 35 and 36 of Township 10 North, Range 14 West.

2. The date specified in Appendix C of Decision No. 68776, under Schedule No. A-31, Line Extension Charges, RATES 3.b. is changed from February 28, 1965 to June 30, 1965.

In all other respects, Decision No. 68776 shall remain in full force and effect.

The effective date of this order shall be the date hereof.

Dated at San Francisco, California, this 13th
day of APRIL, 1965.

Fredrick B. Hillier
President

George A. Hoover

Augustor

Commissioners

COMMISSIONER PETER E. MITCHELL DISSENTING:

I did not sign the original order in this matter, Decision No. 68776. In my dissent to that order, I stated: "The proceedings show Pacific ready, willing, and able to serve - immediately". We have now been advised that the Redwood Empire Telephone Company will be unable to provide exchange telephone service to The Sea Ranch property before November 20, 1965. Further, we are apprised by Oceanic Properties, Inc., that unless they can secure exchange service immediately, their operations "will be severely hampered"^{1/}.

This is an intriguing dilemma. The majority may remain resolute with Decision No. 68776, in which case Redwood will establish exchange telephone service to The Sea Ranch after November 20, 1965, resulting in serious obstruction and financial loss to the project. On the other hand, the majority can beseech Pacific to provide temporary exchange service even though Decision No. 68776 denied Pacific's request to serve The Sea Ranch.

The "future" (and its problems) referred to in the companion dissent of Commissioner Bennett in Decision No. 68776 has already arrived.


Peter E. Mitchell, Commissioner

^{1/} Letter dated April 8, 1965, from Oceanic Properties, Inc.

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4/14/65

DISSENT

BENNETT, William M., Commissioner, Dissenting Opinion

I have not signed the order herein consistent with my dissenting opinion in Decision No. 68776 wherein I was of the view that the grant of authority should have been to the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Therein I pointed out that the size of Redwood Empire Telephone Company would not permit it to render that type of service which Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company through superior resources was ready and willing to furnish. No criticism was implied of Redwood Empire Telephone Company -- my judgment was simply compelled by the relatively small size of Redwood. Now despite the fact that the majority has authorized Redwood Empire Telephone to serve in this area nonetheless it is unable to furnish exchange telephone service at an area called the Sea Ranch at least until November 20, 1965. Pacific, of course, has offered to make this service available at once. It is regrettable that the potential users of telephone service in the area awarded to Redwood Empire Telephone Company are unable to receive the best by way of telephone services. This was easily predictable at the time the grant to Redwood Empire Telephone Company was made and I venture to say is only the beginning of service problems with this company because of its comparatively small size.

William M. Bennett
WILLIAM M. BENNETT
Commissioner